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General Council and Synod Will Meet Denver, Colorado

The General Council of Congregational Christian Churches and the General Synod of the United Church of Christ will meet in Denver, Colorado, July 3-11, 1963.

The opening meeting of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, July 3, at the Central Christian Church in Denver. The closing session will be held at 8 a. m. the following morning.

It is anticipated that Mrs. George E. Kahlenberg, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, who was elected moderator of the General Council in 1961, will be chosen to preside over the sessions.

The delegates to the General Council will give consideration to resolutions and proposals that will result in the functions now fulfilled by the General Council becoming the responsibility of the General Synod.

The sessions of the General Synod will be held at the Denver Hilton Hotel, which will serve as headquarters for the meeting. They will begin on Friday, July 5, and conclude on Thursday, July 11.

The Honorable Donald W. Webber is the moderator of the General Synod. The assistant moderators are Rev. Stuart LeRoy Anderson of California and Mrs. Alfred C. Bartholomew of Pennsylvania.

The delegates will be concerned with a variety of matters including the adoption of a budget for 1964-65, the report of the committee to select a permanent headquarters and the report of the commission having to do with church unity and ecumenical interests.

Delegates to the General Synod from the convention are:

W. Pressley Ingram, Birmingham, Ala.

G. E. Farmer, Chattanooga, Tenn.

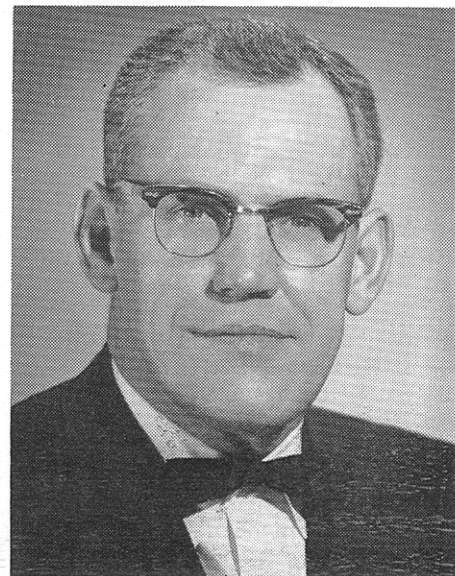
Rev. J. Kermit Harris, Columbus, Ga.

Delegates to the General Council include the above and Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, Evarts, Ky., Rev. George W. Stowe, Langdale, Ala., and Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF REV. DAVID PALMER BARRETT

By Betty Bolton (Reprinted from The Christian Sun)

"Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth in his commandments", said David long ago. Such a man is David P. Barrett, a retired missionary of the Christian Church living his "sunset" years in Chapel Hill in the home of a daughter. Blessed it is to know such a man. The sweetness, the goodness, the cheerfulness of his spirit are a warmth, a light, a comfort to all who come in contact with him.

Mr. Barrett was eighty-seven last February 28. He was born in 1876 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, one of the seven children of J. A. Barrett and Alice C. Barrett. This area of Virginia was a farming area, producing peanuts and corn-fed hogs to be made into Smithfield hams. It was peopled largely by members of the Christian Church and David's family, relatives, and close neighbors belonged to old Antioch Christian Church.

David's father was a farmer and a faithful, active member of the church all his life, serving as deacon, Sunday School superintendent, leader and counselor. Often David found his father in the hayloft, on his knees in the sweet-smelling hay, praying and communing with God. His mother also was a dedicated Christian.

David's paternal grandmother, Mary Barrett, made a deep and lasting impression on the mind and heart of the growing boy. He remembers her as an old lady living in the home of her son, his uncle, on a neighboring farm. In her bedroom Mary Barrett fashioned her altar, a large chest covered with a beautiful scarf and a chair placed beside it. Here she spent hours on her knees each day, talking to her God.

Nurtured in this deeply religious atmosphere it seems only natural that David would also become a Christian at an early age. He remembers clearly the day he made the most important decision of his life. A revival was being held in Antioch Christian Church and the twelve year old David was sitting with three other boys in the "Amen" pew. The minister finished his sermon and opened the doors of the church. David's father walked over to his son, put his arms about him and asked, "Would you like to give your heart to God today?" All four boys went forward.

Outwardly there was no change in David's life. He continued his life as a

farmer's son, milking the cows, feeding the hogs, hoeing and planting, doing chores wherever he could help, and attending the public school in the community. Inwardly he was different — there was a new joy in living and a deep sense of purpose.

In 1894, when he was eighteen, David completed the eighth grade at the public school (all the school offered) and in the fall went to Elon College Preparatory School in North Carolina. The next year he entered Elon College as a freshman and graduated four years later in the class of 1899, a class of twelve members, four girls and eight boys. In his sophomore year he had decided to enter the ministry and the summer after his graduation he was supply pastor for his uncle, Rev. J. P. Barrett, minister of the Memorial Temple Christian Church in Norfolk, Virginia.

That summer was another turning point in his life. He met and fell in love with Eva Reed, a lovely dark-haired girl with a bell-like voice who sang in the church choir. Influenced by her pastor, David's uncle, Eva had already been considering missionary service as her life's work.

The next year, 1899-1900, David spent at Vanderbilt University Seminary. During that year, inspired by a wonderful missionary sermon by A. B. Simpson, he decided to offer himself for missionary service. The American Missionary Board of the Christian Church of Dayton, Ohio, accepted him and he was placed under appointment in 1900.

David Barrett and Eva Reed were married November 6, 1900. January 12, 1901, they sailed for Ponce, Puerto Rico, where they remained for forty years. There was no member of the Christian Church denomination in all of Puerto Rico at that time and their mission was to convert the natives and establish Christian churches. It was a new kind of life for both and they had many adjustments to make. They learned the Spanish language; they established themselves in a house where they remained thirty-five years and where they reared their six children. David travelled by horseback over a forty mile area, getting to know the people, establishing preaching missions. Eva supervised the management of the home and the rearing of the children.

Their union was a happy one and they worked together as a team, discussing together the problems of the home and the Christian work. Eva's musical ability was a great asset and she played the organ for services and directed the singing.

The work of the couple prospered and gradually converts were made. The first Christian Church in Ponce was organized February 23, 1903, with seven members. Gradually six other churches were established at Arus, Descalabrado, Santa Isabel, Salinas, Canas, Pampano. By 1915 David owned a car and travelled much more easily among the people. In 1941 when the Barretts retired and returned to the United States they left behind them one thousand members to carry on the work.

By this time several of the Barrett children were living in North Carolina and David and Eva settled first in Lenoir and then moved to Chapel Hill. They looked forward to a blissful retirement, quiet days together and happy reunions with children and grandchildren. Suddenly and tragically Eva developed cancer and died in 1948.

The loss of his beloved wife was a racking blow for David. Gradually he found comfort in his faith, in the support of his children, and in the correspondence with his many friends in Puerto Rico. He has found it difficult to make new friends in the United States and to feel at home here after living forty years in Puerto Rico. Through letters he keeps in touch with the activities of the churches there and follows everything with interest. Former friends and church members visit him when they come to this country.

Now he is almost confined to his home. He suffers cramps in his legs and the usual weakness of old age, but his spirit is cheerful and radiant. Alone most of the day in the house while his daughter is teaching, he busies himself with feeding the birds, with writing his letters, with looking at television and reading. He is almost completely deaf and his eyesight is failing. He has accumulated no money. Yet, he doesn't complain. On the contrary, he feels that his life has been rich and happy, and he thanks God for his many blessings. He is like the man described by St. Paul, "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

Council For Lay Life And Work "Program Opportunities For Adults"

Two years ago the following brave words appeared in the Constitution of the newly formed United Church of Christ: "The General Synod shall establish a Council for Lay Life and Work as the instrumentality of the United Church of Christ responsible for increasing, developing, and coordinating the activities and participation of laymen and laywomen in the church as a means of witnessing effectively for Jesus Christ in all areas of life."

To those who have observed the programs of the laity in local Protestant churches throughout the country, these words seem indeed brave ones. For, despite a revolutionary movement in our own women's lay organizations approximately twenty years ago—a movement which set the pattern for breaking away from traditional Ladies' Aid and Women's Missionary Society concepts—the programs of few church lay organizations have actually called upon their members to witness "in all areas of life." In fact, the subjects discussed at such meetings have frequently seemed to bear remarkably little relationship to the complex and changing culture which both laymen and laywomen face in their daily lives, and, in the words of one layman, they have in too many cases seemed "to answer questions the members are not even asking." What, the laity thus began wondering, did the church really understand about modern business and industry, about modern politics, about modern literature, or even about the meanings and the aims of modern art.

It is in answer to exactly such questions that the Council for Lay Life and Work has been formed. And, in the Council's two-year effort to extend the Christian message into all areas of life, it has introduced some important innovations which are being watched with great interest by the lay leaders of almost every other major American Protestant denomination:

The Council is the first organization of the laity in any major Protestant denomination to offer to men and women the opportunity to work and plan together at national, conference, association, and local levels, rather than in separate men's and women's organizations.

It is the first Protestant lay organization in which the members will be guided by the program set forth by the national instrumentalities of the church, but in which members will nevertheless

be encouraged to transmit to the instrumentalities their own desires and needs.

It is the first lay organization in which, with the help and guidance of materials available from all national instrumentalities, the local church's lay groups will be encouraged to plan their own individual programs in the light of their own needs and interests.

This Spring, in an effort to achieve all these goals, the Council for Lay Life and Work will issue its first program guide for local church groups. Significantly, the new program, which is to become effective September 1 and is offered to local church groups in a handsome green leather portfolio, is not

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called a guide but, instead, "Program OPPORTUNITIES for Adults." Significantly, too, the theme of this year's Program Opportunities is the very real and practical theme of "The Growing Christian in Our Changing Culture." As one minister's wife, who had grown tired of stereotyped meetings, expressed it, "The Council for Lay Life and Work has begun to talk about the real world!"

Section A of the portfolio, entitled "Thinking Adult Education in the Church", sets the stage for the new program. In it, local church groups will find Walter Dobler's "Manual for Adults," which challenges its readers to break away from stereotyped programs. It is this Manual which the Council has recommended to local groups as the most basic booklet in the entire portfolio.

Section B, entitled "Examining Our Christian Calling," includes a booklet of twelve short worship programs on the theme of "The Growing Christian." It also offers as program resources a booklet entitled "Mission by Royal Authority," by Suzanne de Dietrich, as well as an informative introduction to

the United Church's "Mission on Renewal and Evangelism."

It is Sections C and D of Program Opportunities which offer to local church groups the most tangible opportunity for studying the role of the Christian in our present-day culture. Here, among other booklets, local groups will find a newly published booklet on the problems of urbanization entitled "Stop Pussyfooting Through a Revolution," a program guide on the subject of race relations entitled "Action Guide—My Community," and a new study of the problems of Southern Asia, "The Old and the New in India and Ceylon."

Appropriately, in a booklet entitled "Ventures" in the final Section E of the portfolio, the potentialities of the new Council for Lay Life and Work are defined, and in this section will also be found specific information not only on our church's Material Aid Program but also on the new Family Thank Offering, a special offering instituted for the coming year by the Council in order to provide entire families, not men or women separately, with the opportunity of making a group gift once a year.

By no means is "Program Opportunities for Adults" intended to be followed slavishly by the local churches. For the Council carefully explains: "This is not thought-control. It is, instead, an attempt to inspire Christians to do some honest thinking about the present-day world in concrete terms." And to this end, in future years, the Council hopes to introduce into this portfolio a plethora of resource material which will delve into such seemingly non-churchly subjects as science, literature, psychiatry, and, perhaps, even the philosophy of existentialism. For, the Council firmly believes, a growing Christian in a changing culture must certainly understand the non-churchly aspects of the world in which he lives if he is to witness effectively as a Christian in that world.

The churches and lay organizations within them of the Southeast Convention are urged to order this portfolio and to make use of it in developing the programs for their local groups. Continually requests for help in programs for local groups are received by conference and national offices. Now a resource is available to every church and to every local group.

Information on how to order the portfolio will be found in the box on this page.

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Superintendent's Corner

For many years it has been a family dream with us to make a trip all the way across these United States and back.

We have wanted to see and swim in the Pacific Ocean. We have wanted to see and visit many of the national parks and other scenic wonders that have become familiar to us through magazine articles and pictures, television and movies. We have wanted to visit Disneyland, to explore Los Angeles and San Francisco, and to float in the Great Salt Lake.

That dream is to be realized this summer.

Our plan is to leave home on June 9. There will be three weeks for us to make the circuit to California and back to Denver Colorado. On July 1 I must be at La Foret, Colorado, for a meeting of the United Church Committee on the Church in Town and Country.

On July 3 we will go to Denver in order for me to attend the meetings of the General Council and the General Synod. Carolyn will be able to attend some of the sessions with me.

Before the trip is over, in addition to the cities already named, we plan to visit Juarez, Mexico, Carlsbad Caverns, Yosemite National Park, the Grand Canyon, Painted Desert, Yellowstone National Park, and the Grand Teton National Park. Most of the time we will be camping.

You might be interested in our children. Jimmy will be 16 this summer, Andy will be 12 and Leslie Hope will be 10. Their faithful dog, "Spot", will make the trip with us.

We plan to return during the week of July 14. In case of real need Mrs. McCord will be able to reach me during the trip.

Our Christian World Mission Receipts January - May

ALABAMA	REG.	OTHER		
Alex City, Antioch	0	0	Wadley, Beulah	0
Alex City, Hunt	0	0	Wadley, Christian	120.00
Andalusia, Antioch	0	0	Wadley, Corinth	0
Andalusia, Coldwater	0	0	Wedowee, Caver's Grove	0
Andalusia, First	0	17.86	Wedowee, Noon Day	0
Arley, Robertson's Ch.	5.00	0	FLORIDA	
Ashland, Bethel	0	0	Baker, Good Hope	0
Birmingham, Pilgrim	500.00	10.00	Baker, Pyron's Chapel	0
Brantley, Indian Creek			Bonifay, New Effort	60.00
Comm.	0	0	Crestview, Dorcas	0
Brantley, Liberty	0	0	GEORGIA	
Caddo, First Cong'l.	0	0	Ambrose, Christian	0
Clio, New Hope	0	0	Atlanta, Center	60.00
Cragford, Mt. Carmel	0	0	Atlanta, Central	1,895.85
Dadeville, Elder	22.00	0	Barnesville, Fredonia	166.75
Daviston, McGuire's Ch.	0	0	Baxley, Friendship	0
Delta, Wesley's Chapel	0	0	Bowman, Liberty	30.00
E. Tallassee Cong. Ch.	187.50	0	Braselton, Macedonia	0
Eclectic, Watson's Ch.	0	0	Bristol, Antioch	0
Five Points, State Line	0	0	Buford, Duncan's Creek	0
Garden City, Cong'l.			Columbus, First	0
Chr.	100.00	0	Columbus, United	0
Goodwater, Oak Hill	0	0	Crest, Hebron	0
Hackleburg, Fairview	0	0	Demorest, Federated	147.00
Haleyville, Union Grove	18.00	0	Doerun, New Light	0
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	0	0	Doerun, Poplar Arbor	0
Headland, Blackwood	60.84	13.40	Douglas, First	0
Houston, Liberty Hill	0	0	Enigma, Christian	0
Huntsville, United	98.49	107.87	Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	0
LaFayette, Pleasant			Hampton, County Line	0
Grove	75.00	0	LaGrange, Hillside	48.00
Lanett, Cong'l. Chr.	1,249.10	85.00	LaGrange, United	266.74
Lanett, Huguley	0	0	Meansville, First	0
Langdale, Cong'l. Chr.	825.00	21.00	Oxford, Sardis	60.00
Lineville, Dingler's Ch.	0	0	Pearson, Union Hill	0
Lineville, New Harmony	0	0	Pine Mtn., Oak Grove	250.00
Lineville, Shady Grove	0	0	Richland, First	0
Lineville, Spring Hill	0	0	Richland, Prov. Chapel	0
Midland City, Chr. Hill	0	0	Tifton, First	0
Moulton, Jones Chapel	0	0	Tifton, Vanceville	0
Montgomery, United	170.00	0	Waycross, Wms. Chapel	46.00
Mtn. Creek, Union	0	0	West Point, Bethel	100.00
Phenix City, First	0	0	Woodbury, Jones Chapel	0
Phenix City, Russell			KENTUCKY	
Woods	0	0	Evarts, First	460.00
Pisgah	0	0	Stearns, Community	0
Roanoke, Antioch	60.00	0	SOUTH CAROLINA	
Roanoke, Bethany	0	0	Charleston, Circular	425.00
Roanoke, First	0	0	TENNESSEE	
Roanoke, Forest Home	0	0	Chattanooga, Pilgrim	1,850.00
Roanoke, Lowell	99.99	0	Crossville, First	203.25
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	0	0	Daisy, Cong'l. Chr.	125.00
Roanoke, New Hope	0	0	Deer Lodge	42.71
Roanoke, Rock Spring	0	0	Glen Mary	30.00
Roanoke, Rock Stand	0	0	Knoxville, First	0
Seman, Balm of Gilead	0	0	Nashville, Brookmeade	175.00
Seman, Community	0	0	Pleasant Hill, Com.	80.87
Shawmut, Todd	62.50	0	Robbins, Barton Chapel	55.00
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	0	0	Soddy, Cong'l.	0
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	50.00	0	Woman's Gift	819.88
Town Creek, Old Liberty	0	0	Miscellaneous	50.00
				10,330.59
				1,645.89

People...

Churches...

Events...

Land Bought By United Church At Montgomery

Seven acres of land on Woodley Road have just been purchased by the United Church in Montgomery. This attractive lot is located on Woodley Road south of the Southern By-Pass in Montgomery. It will be the site of the future church building and possibly of the parsonage.

At the last monthly business meeting and fellowship supper, the hours for Sunday School and Morning Worship were changed to 8:30 a. m. for Sunday School and 9:30 a. m. for Morning Worship. These new hours will take effect the first Sunday in June and extend through August. Services still are being held in the Huntingdon College Chapel.

The Rev. Harold Henderson, minister of the church, will be co-director of the Southeast Convention Senior High Camp at Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga., June 16-22. Mrs. Millard Fuller will serve as a counselor and Larry Dunson will attend. Donna Dunson will represent the church at the Junior High Camp in August.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Rodenbauch and family were presented a book of poetry by their fellow church members. They are leaving Montgomery in June for Hawaii. This active church family will be missed. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

A generous donation recently was received from the Congregational Christian Church of Westminister, Ohio. This, along with a contribution from the LaGrange United Church and a personal donation, will be put into a special fund for the purchase of a much needed mimeograph machine.

Mrs. Nat Venable
Publicity Chairman

Book About United Church Available From Convention

The book, "The United Church of Christ — Its Origins, Organization, and Role in the World Today," by Dr. Douglas Horton may be borrowed from the Southeast Convention office.

No one is better suited than Dr. Douglas Horton to tell the story of the United Church of Christ. He was the minister of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches from 1938 to 1955, during much of the negotiation which brought the United Church of Christ into being.

Women's Fellowship Has Annual Meeting

The Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention held its annual meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, on April 27 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention. Miss Dora Brackin, president, presided over the meeting.

The decision was made to amend the Plan of Work (Constitution), changing the list of officers and chairmen for the purpose of greater efficiency.

The list of officers and chairmen elected was published in the May issue of The Southeast News. (Since then Mrs. Noel Allen has found it necessary to resign as president. The vacancy will be filled at a meeting of the Women's Board in June.)

The Women's Fellowship voted to request the Convention to set up a committee on Lay Life and Work for the purpose of planning adult joint ventures within the Southeast Convention. Action was taken to sponsor the Family Thank Offering and the Material Aid Program of the United Church of Christ.

The Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship sponsored a joint banquet at Huntsville with Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht presiding. One hundred and sixty-eight persons were present to hear the guest speaker, Dr. Donald C. Dearborn, vice-chairman of the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ, speak on the subject, "The Role of the Laity."

Ecumenical Institute Blue Ridge Assembly

The Eighth Ecumenical Institute for the southern region will be held at the Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C., July 21-26, 1963.

The theme for the institute is: "Servants of the Eternal Christ." The study book by the same title, which stresses ecumenicity in local communities, will be used as the basis for discussion groups during the morning sessions. Workshops in other interests will be held in the afternoons. Vespers and programs of interest are held each evening and night.

All church members and ministers are invited to attend.

For information and registration write to: Rev. J. Edward Lantz, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta 3, Ga.

HERE AND THERE

Rev. Albert Henry, new minister at Birmingham, spoke at the Alabama-Tennessee Regional Meeting of the Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in April. The meeting was held at the St. John's United Church in Birmingham.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church will have a Week-day School for 4 and 5 year olds beginning next fall. This is a new project for the Birmingham church. A Board of Directors elected from the church will manage the school. Mrs. Harry G. de la Torre is the director.

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Rev. Eugene Bickel, St. John's United Church, Nashville, and Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Brookmeade United Church, Nashville, exchanged pulpits on Sunday, May 19th.

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The new address for Rev. and Mrs. John D. Schofield is: 215 Charlotte Drive, Portsmouth, Va.

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Bob Saunders, a former officer of the Southeast Convention PF/YF and whose family lived in Chattanooga and Birmingham before moving to Indiana two years ago, is a member of the graduating class at Elon College.

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Rev. Billy J. Robinson resigned as minister of the Huguley CC Church, effective May 26. He will continue to serve Elder Church. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson now live at Box 45, Rt. 2, Dadeville, Alabama.

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The Kentucky-Tennessee and the Tennessee-Kentucky Conferences of the Southeast Convention and the Convention of the South respectively recently held a joint meeting of their directors to plan for a joint fall conference meeting to be held in Nashville on October 12-13.

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The two Junior High Camps of the Southeast Convention will be held July 28-August 3, Camp Ozone, Ozone, Tenn., and August 4-10, Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga. For additional information write Rev. Emilie Pitcock, 673 Piedmont Ave., N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.

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United Church, LaGrange, Georgia, dedicated its new colored cathedral glass windows in its sanctuary on Sunday, April 21. Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. participated in the service.

United Church Town And Country Meet In August

Pre-registrations pouring into our denominational town and country office indicate a bumper attendance of pastors and laity at the second quadrennial United Church Town and Country Convocation to be held at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, August 27-29. Registrations from a number of denominational officials and town and country leaders of other denominations attest to the high quality of the program, and guarantee an equally high level of participation in the discussions of the Convocation theme: "Church and Culture in Crisis."

Speakers of national prominence will include John M. Brewster of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Martin E. Marty of the Christian Century staff, Roger L. Shinn of Union Theological Seminary, Harold C. Letts and Henry A. McCanna of the staff of the National Council of Churches, Robert W. Spike and Shirley E. Greene of the Board for Homeland Ministries staff also appear on the program. Victor Obenhaus of Chicago Theological Seminary is general chairman and Gerald J. Jud of the Division of Evangelism and Research is chaplain.

Unlike most town and country convocations in the history of this movement, this convocation will not deal primarily with agricultural affairs and the problems of the farm community. Nor will its prime emphasis be upon the sociological factors in the rural life. Target of the Convocation will be a new grasp and dedication to the mission of the church to a rural society in transition.

The discussions at Heidelberg will lay the ground-work for the new quadrennial emphasis in our denominational Town and Country program on RENEWING AND UNITING THE CHURCH IN TOWN AND COUNTRY FOR EFFECTIVE FELLOWSHIP, WITNESS AND SERVICE.

The cost of the Convocation is \$16.00 for registration, room and board. Scholarship aid is available from the national office or convention office. Laymen are equally eligible for attendance and aid with pastors.

Persons interested in attending should contact Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. immediately.

Opportunities For Overseas Service With United Church

The United Church Board for World Ministries seeks candidates for overseas service who are members of a Protestant Christian Church, who are in excellent health, who are professionally competent, and for whom Christian conviction is an important part of the motivation for service overseas.

The length of service involved varies. There are both career and special term appointments. For single persons, the special term is usually three years and assignment is to a situation in which English is the working medium. Special terms for families vary in length according to areas. Experienced persons willing to pay travel costs may be given one-year appointments.

The financial factors depend upon a number of things. Missionaries are salaried, and the rate varies according to country and size of family. The salary is geared to a moderate standard of living. For both short-term and career appointees, the Board provides round trip transportation, major medical expenses and social security. In addition, career personnel realize many other benefits, such as educational grants for children when they reach college, home furloughs at regular intervals, and retirement provisions.

Together with new appointees from other Protestant denominations, United Church Board appointees spend from four weeks (for single short-termers) to five months, prior to departure from the States, at the Missionary Orientation Center at Stony Point, New York. There, they participate in an intensive study program including area studies, linguistics, basic Christian beliefs, and world religions.

Teachers, doctors, nurses, ministers, Christian Education Directors, agriculturalists, librarians, construction, and maintenance specialists — a wide variety of skills are needed. Administrators are also among those needed.

Persons interested should write to:
Rev. Herbert O. Muenstermann
475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor
New York 27, New York

or:

Rev. Loy L. Long
14 Bacon Street
Boston 8, Mass.

for additional information.

Church Relief Groups Unite To Help Cubans

Protestants and Catholics will cooperate nationally in placing Cuban refugees in homes and jobs, it recently was announced by officials of Catholic Relief Services and Church World Service.

The action was agreed upon following several conferences between officials of these two organizations. Church World Service is the overseas relief and rehabilitation agency for twenty-seven Protestant denominations in the United States and a department of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

The Reverend John W. Schauer, Director of CWS Immigration Services, said: "We now have very few resettlable Protestant Cubans who have not as yet been given a home and job opportunity."

"In view of the fact that Church World Service has a large backlog of home and job placement opportunities in various parts of the country, we would like to make these opportunities available to refugees who are registered in Miami with the Catholic Relief Services."

"The agreement provides that Catholic Relief Services in Miami will explain the meaning of the joint interfaith action to the Cubans still on the rolls awaiting placement. Inherent in that agreement is the understanding that while Protestant groups will assume responsibility for the refugees' initial welfare, including job and home placement as well as related services, they will not intrude in any way with regard to the religious belief and practices of these newcomers to our shores," the CWS official stated.

The joint action agreement also provides that Church World Service will inform Catholic Relief Services upon arrival of the individual refugee or family at their destination. This will enable Catholic diocesan authorities to notify the local Catholic pastor.

The mass exodus of Cubans from the Castro regime reached a total of 161,941 at the end of March, 1963. Of that number, emergency relief committees set up in Miami have resettled approximately 60,000. Many secured jobs and homes through friends in this country, others through their own initiative.